

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 8, 2020

Our BIGGEST Meeting of the year, the Annual General Meeting and Pancake Breakfast, is scheduled for Saturday, February 8th at 9 a. m. in the cafeteria at Durham Elementary. Bring the family or come alone, but COME! There will be coffee, pancakes, civic club updates and elections, and as a bonus: you can MEET NEW NEIGHBORS! ALL families and ages welcome. Kiddos will have activities and assisted supervision while parents mingle.

The meeting will include annual reports from the Finance, Security and Social Committees. New Residents (who have moved to Candlelight Plaza within the last year) will be introduced.

2020 dues are due and payable by the 31st of January. An invoice is enclosed for your convenience. Checks can be mailed to Treasurer, Mike Harryman, or hand-delivered at the meeting. Donations for the Constable Program are also welcome, as always, in any amount and at any time!

2020 is election year for the Civic Club Board. The nominating committee has produced the following slate which will be voted on at the meeting:

Officers

President Cyndi Moore
1st V. P. Candace Helstrom
2nd V.P. Dorothy Vetrano
Treasurer Michael Harryman
Secretary Paige Ochtebeck

Area Directors

I Taylor Schleier, Paul Witkowski
II Andrew Johnson, Heather Hanrahan
III Craig Taylor, Josh & Meegan Keng
IV Lorraine Cole, Bob Alban

If you have any suggestions for the Board, please add them to the "Suggestions" portion of the dues Invoice. And if you would like to become more involved with the Civic Club, please check the "I want to become more involved" box.

See you on the 8th!

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CANDLEGRAM

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CHRISTMAS DECORATION AWARDS

Heidi Skiff

How exciting to see all of the great competition this year. We loved all the participation and holiday spirit in CPI!

Area Awards

Area I = 1131 Lehman St., Tom & Evelyn Shupak

Area II = 1075 Lehman St., Craig & Natalie Still

Area III = 4910 Candletree, Alex Elam

Area IV = 1006 Lehman, Eddie & Rita Battenfield

Category Awards

Best Religious = 954 Del Norte, John & Carol Osterhaus

Most Creative = 1023 Lehman, Ray Dunn & Diane Frels

Best Cul De Sac = Candlecrest (Families include: Beauchamp, Berwick, Randall, Gaydosik, Farris, Couch & Huerter)

Best Overall = 1070 Del Norte, Jack & Cecelia Schulte

FIRE DEVESTATES HOME ON BETHLEHEM

The home of Philip & Carlecia Wright, 1042 Bethlehem, suffered a devastating house fire on December 26th. The family was understandably traumatized but are doing okay, considering. They write:

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

A family's worst nightmare happened the day after Christmas to us. We are extremely grateful for the outpouring support of Plaza Moms, and our neighbors. Thank you for your prayers and offers to support with food, furniture and gift cards. We will rebuild and work through this travesty. For additional information contact Cyndi Moore.

Sincerely and Thankfully,

The Wright Family.

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FROM THE EDITOR

11 January MMXX

Dear Candlelight Plaza Neighbors on Candlecrest, Candleglow, Candleleaf, Candlemist, Candletree and Twin-candle as well as Apollo, Golf, Bethlehem, Park Plaza, Lehman, Brian Haven, Cliff Haven, Alba, Dunsmere and Del Norte,

Recently, in my spare time, while browsing through our Resident Directory (after I cut and pasted the resident photos), I noticed that we are a community who wear sunglasses. Is it because we are so cool? Or is it because we live in Texas and the sun is big and bright when we're outside on a beautiful autumn day? And speaking of the Chili Cook-off: if you missed it, you missed a good time. Fun people, good food and gorgeous weather. I must say: I am never disappointed when I meet more of the good people who live in our subdivision. If you haven't been to one of the Social activities, you should try it. We have nice neighbors. You should meet them.

Or better yet: come to the annual Civic Club meeting in a few weeks. It will be Saturday, February 8th at 9 o'clock in the morning in the cafeteria at Durham Elementary. The meeting was initially slated for Saturday, January 25th at 9 o'clock in the morning. Then we realized that Durham Elementary already had an event scheduled for Saturday, January 25th at 9 o'clock in the morning. So, we ordered a plate of scrambled eggs and rescheduled for Saturday, February 8th at 9 o'clock in the morning. I can't reiterate enough that the meeting is at 9 o'clock IN THE MORNING because one year, a couple of us showed up in the evening, cocktails in hand. Ooops.

If you haven't been to a Civic Club annual meeting before and don't know what to expect, it will be a Roberts-Rule-of-Order type of assembly and should last about an hour and a half. There will be Business reports from the Treasurer, Social, Security, Maintenance and other Committees, detailing the "health" of our subdivision and Civic Club. As a resident of Candlelight Plaza, you are automatically a member of the Candlelight Plaza Civic Club (CPCC). Whether you choose to pay dues, or not, is up to you. Dues are not mandatory; they are "suggested" and they



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are voluntary. We are a Civic Club, not a Home Owners Association. We cannot make you do anything except abide by the Deed Restriction. And even then, there has been a lawsuit or two during our 55 year history. Believe it or not, being Candlelight Plaza and remaining Candlelight Plaza requires work and diligence. That's really the purpose of the Civic Club: to keep Candlelight Plaza, Candlelight Plaza. One day at a time.

Thank you for your contributions. Have a blessed 2020!

Sincerely,

Suzannah Mays
Candlegram Editor



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PLAZA MOMS



January Social
Pamper yourself!

Tuesday, January 21st
Home of Courtney Siegmund
1035 Martin



Phew, we made it through the holidays! Now it is time for us to pamper ourselves. Join us for some socializing, massages and more!

February Social
Couples Mixer

Saturday, February 15th
7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Home of Kenny Eldridge
1003 Cheshire



Call the sitter! It's time for the Annual Plaza Moms and Shepherd Park Plaza Beer Club Couple's Mixer. Drinks and Dinner will be provided. The cost is \$10 per couple. Drop off check or cash (reference your last name) at 4711 Golf or pay via Group Spaces. Space is limited so please RSVP today!



We had another successful Breakfast with Santa! Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all of our volunteers. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to **IndyQuest Properties** for a delicious breakfast and **Bouchet Images** for the fantastic pictures!

Join/Renew Your Plaza Moms Membership Today!
Interested in joining?

Please e-mail plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com for more info or with questions you might have about membership, events, or anything else! Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms

Please Note: All Plaza Moms events (except for Movie in the Park and Fourth of July Parade) as well as our FB page are for Plaza Moms members only.

DURHAM ELEMENTARY

Happy New Year, neighbors! We hope you all had a restful and fulfilling holiday and are ready for 2020!

The students at Durham enjoyed celebrating holiday traditions of many cultures in December, highlighted with Polar Express Day and a holiday program filled with singing, dancing and lots of smiling faces!

Durham's International Festival is quickly approaching! It will take place on January 25th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Grab your passport and get ready to travel to Belize, Venezuela, China, Egypt, Italy, and Samoa. Hallways will be transformed into these countries and cultures will be showcased through food, drinks, music and crafts. This is a great opportunity to experience an aspect of Durham's International Baccalaureate program. No tickets or registration required - just come join the fun!

Looking for ways to make a positive impact on your community in the New Year? There are many possibilities at Durham, including mentoring, classroom help, and reading to students to name a few. Regardless of your area of interest or availability, there's something for you! Contact the PTA volunteer coordinator at DurhamPTAvolunteers@gmail.com.

THE SHIPLEY QUEUE



Are you following the threads on NextDoor about the Shipley queue? The conversation has been going on for several weeks. Evidently passions for our neighborhood donut institution run high. There were 305 comments from area residents before the post was shut down. Then another post popped up, and the thread continued about the Shipley queue on Ella, the love and appreciation for the Shipley donut and any and all things related to Shipley's. Where else but Oak Forest would citizens get so vocal about their donuts? Keep GOOF do-NUTTY!



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FENG SHUI YOUR GARDEN



When I lived in California, I heard a voice in my head say, "Feng shui your garden." "I haven't got a garden," I said. "Then, make one," was the response.

Before I could make a garden, I had to clear the land. I lived in Laurel Canyon, in a funky old house with a lot of character. It was nestled into a hill that was covered with years of overgrowth and undergrowth, and like many overgrown houses in Laurel Canyon, it was not unusual for its occupants to hear voices.

Vines and their tendrils covered everything and threatened to take over the house. Vines traveled under the house, on the house, around the house. They snaked up and around the trees and formed canopies in places. Under the canopies stretched more vines. Between and beneath the years of vines were strata of dead leaves, branches, limbs and even a couple of tree trunks. It took countless hours of clearing before (pay) dirt was at last found.

Along the way, every day, at least one treasure was found. Anything that could have been tossed onto the hillside, had been. There were pottery shards, beer

bottle caps, a broken automobile tail light, duct tape, coins, cigarette butts, a slide carousel, a watch, an old-fashioned money bag (empty), a dagger, a pirate-like hoop earring, partial bottles of Absolut, Royal Crown Cola, Clear Eyes, chocolate mint candy wrappers, a string of Christmas lights, a tiny blue Land Rover, really anything disposable.

Bottle caps, plumbing hardware, a AA Battery, a coffee bean grinder, a beverage coaster, two York peppermint patty wrappers, a red chili pepper cover for a string light, an empty In-N-Out Heinz ketchup packet, a bumper sticker stuck to itself which read "White Trash," a miniature ship in a bottle (obviously part of the pirate's gig), hinges, a carpet remnant, disposable razor, lightbulb, partial wrapper of a Hostess cupcake, a petrified Los Angeles Times newspaper from Tuesday, April 10, 1990, a rose vial (the kind that holds the stem of a rose some "romantic" guy buys you at a nightclub), empty Tic-Tac containers, Lawry's seasoned salt and a ballpoint pen from Mercury Savings.

A Fender guitar pick (thin), a Fender guitar pick (thick), an empty bottle of Red Stripe Jamaican Lager, a spoon, an air-

plane sized bottle of Grand Marnier, a screen (ostensibly from the bathroom window), golf balls, a golf club, a cell phone, a koozie, cat toys, beer pull tabs, beer cans, beer bottles, a carburetor, a coffee cup, a fork, a plate, numerous cellophane wrappers from cigarette packages, a green depression-era glass ashtray, and a Gerber's baby food jar (best before '02). As interesting as all of those finds were, the ultimate find was a large broken mirror which had been placed under the house, between the stilts. Totally bad feng shui.

And then I found scalloped cinderblocks, outlining where a garden had once been. There were sprinkler heads. Small adorned bricks encircled the few trees that had survived the parasitic vines. So, at some point in the past, someone had lived in this funky old house in Laurel Canyon, who had loved it and had tended a garden.

That first year of flowers and herbs brought success: Green Envy, Love Lies Bleeding, Music Box, French Alouette, Spanish Lavender, Italian Cilantro and Aromatic Sage. The feng-shui'd garden brought much delight to all six senses.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Trash & Recycling	8 Durham Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night	9	10	11
12	13	14 Trash Pickup	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Trash & Recycling • PMS Social	22	23	24	25 Durham International Festival
26	27	28 Trash Pickup	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 Trash & Recycling	5	6	7	8 CPCC Annual Meeting !!
9	10	11 Trash Pickup	12	13	14	15 • PMS Social

TRASH & RECYCLING INFO: No cul-de-sac parking on pickup days. Glass recycling is back! Okay to place glass in green bins!

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